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SUBJECT: THREE SOVIET LEADERS' SPEECHES STRONG ON DETENTE

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GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. SUMMARY. IN SPEECHES JANUARY 28 THREE SOVIET LEADERS--
IDEOLOGIST PONOMAREV, TRADE UNION CHIEF SHELEPIN, AND
DEFENSE MINISTER GRECHKO--REASSERTED THE SOVIET COMMITMENT
TO THE PURSUIT OF DETENTE WITH THE WEST. EACH SPEAKER
DEVELOPED HIS ARGUMENT IN TERMS OF HIS PARTICULAR
CONSTITUENCY. PONOMAREV, IN PRAISING DETENTE--WITH
SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT--ALSO
DWELT ON THE CRISIS OF CAPITALISM, THE DANGERS OF A
FASCIST REVIVAL, AND THE NEED FOR A NEW COMMUNIST
STRATEGY TO ADJUST TO THE CHANGES IN THE WORLD.
(PONOMAREV'S REMARKS ON CHINA WILL BE TREATED IN A
SEPTEL.) SHELEPIN, APPARENTLY RESPONDING IN PART TO WESTERN
EUROPEAN LEFTWING CONCERN THAT DETENTE IS HELPING
CAPITALISM, TOOK PAINS TO ARGUE THAT DETENTE IS IN
THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING CLASSES. AND GRECHKO,
WHILE EXTOLLING THE BENEFITS OF THE SOVIET PEACE
PROGRAM, CONTENDED THAT IMPERIALISM IS STILL A DANGEROUS
FOE AND THAT SOME CIRCLES ARE TRYING TO USE THE
CONDITIONS OF DETENTE FOR IDEOLOGICAL SUBVERSION. THE
THREE SPEECHES ASSUME AN IMPORTANCE FROM THE FACT THAT THEY ARE
THE FIRST SOVIET LEADERSHIP STATEMENTS SINCE THE TRADE ACT
REJECTION. PONOMAREV'S IS ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT, SINCE HE
CLEARLY WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF U.S.-SOVIET
TIES END SUMMARY.

2. CPSU PARTY SECRETARY PONOMAREV, SPEAKING BEFORE
THE ALL-ARMY CONFERENCE OF IDEOLOGICAL WORKERS (THE
MOST DETAILED SUMMARY OF HIS SPEECH IS IN RED STAR
JAN 29), STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING DETENTE
IRREVERSIBLE. HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO BREZHNEV'S
MEETINGS WITH THE LEADERS OF THE FRG, THE U.S.,
AND FRANCE, AND HE EMPHASIZED THE GENERAL VALUE OF
SOVIET CONTACTS WITH CAPITALIST STATES. HE SINGLED
OUT THE VLADIVOSTOK UNDERSTANDING FOR SPECIAL MENTION,
SAYING THAT IT IMPROVED PROSPECTS FOR SETTING ANOTHER
BARRIER IN THE PATH OF THE ARMS RACE. MOVING TO THE
USSR'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WITH THE U.S., PONOMAREV TOOK
POSITIVE NOTE OF RECENT STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT FORD
AND SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING THE
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PROBLEMS, THE U.S. WANTED TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH
THE SOVIET UNION. THE VLADIVOSTOK UNDERSTANDING, CONTINUED PONOMAREV,
RETAINS ALL ITS IMPORTANCE. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT AN
"INFLUENTIAL PART" OF U.S. SOCIETY COULD UNDERSTAND THE SOVIET
POSITION ON THE TRADE ACT. AND THAT THE ACT HAD
BEEN SHARPLY CRITICIZED.

3. PONOMAREV THEN DEVELOPED THEMES FAMILIAR TO READERS

OF HIS RECENT SPEECHES IN WARSAW AND BUDAPEST. HE SAID THAT THE CRISIS OF CAPITALISM WAS LEADING TO AN INTENSIFICATION OF CLASS WAR, TO AN INTERNECINE STRUGGLE WITHIN THE CAPITALIST WORLD, AND TO THE DANGER OF A REVIVAL OF FACISM. HE SET FOUR TASKS FOR THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT: (1) TO DEVELOP A NEW STRATEGY AND TACTICS FOR THE PERIOD OF DETENTE; (2) TO DEVELOP A POLICY IN RESPONSE TO THE "CRISIS OF CAPITALISM" "WHICH WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF ALL POSSIBLE TURNS OF EVENTS, PROVIDE A TIMELY ORIENTATION OF THE POPULAR MASSES, AND ASSURE THEIR EFFECTIVE MOBILIZATION IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THEIR INTERESTS"; (3) TO PROMOTE THE UNITY OF ALLEDEMOCRATIC FORCES; AND (4) TO STRUGGLE AGAINST THE DANGER OF FACISM. IN FAMILIAR TERMS PONOMAREV CITED PORTUGAL AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR "DEMOCRATIC FORCES" IN CONDITIONS OF DETENTE. FINALLY, HE SPOKE FAVORABLY OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST CONFERENCE AND NOTED THAT IN THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT CONSIDERATION IS CONTINUING OF THE IDEA OF A WORLD COMMUNIST CONFERENCE. NOWHERE IN THE PUBLISHED SUMMARY DID PONOMAREV SUGGEST THAT THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT SHOULD TAKE ACTION TO WORSEN CAPITALISM'S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS.

4. SHELEPIN'S SPEECH IN EAST BERLIN TO THE WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (SUMMARIZED IN TRUD JAN 29) AMOUNTED TO A STONG DEFENSE OF SOVIET DETENTE POLICY AGAINST UNNAMED CRITICS WHO CHARGE THAT IT IS HELPING CAPITALISM AND HURTING SOCIALISM. SHELEPIN CLAIMED THAT DETENTE SUCCESSES HAD MADE IT HARDER FOR IMPERIALIST CIRCLES TO TURN TO AGGRESSION AS A WAY OUT OF THEIR ECONOMIC CRISIS. HE CHARGED THAT THOSE IN THE WEST WHO ATTACK EAST-WEST ECONOMIC COOPERATION ARE SIMPLY TRYING TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FIND SCAPEGOATS FOR THEIR OWN ECONOMIC TROUBLES. SHELEPIN THEN TOOK THE OCCASION TO SAY THAT THE USSR FIRMLY REJECTS ANY ATTEMPTS BY CAPITALIST "STATES AND MONOPOLIES" TO USE ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN ORDER TO INTERFERE IN THE USSR'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS; IN THIS CONTEXT HE REFERRED DIRECTLY TO THE "DISCRIMINATORY" TRADE ACT PASSED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS.

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